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In Re Application of : September 20, 2004
J.M. Halbout, et al : Group Art No.: 3629
Serial No. 09/494,643 : Examiner: Richard S. Woo
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR 3173 Cedar Road
MIDRANGE COMPUTER SERVER Yorktown Hts, NY 10598
OUTSOURCING SERVICES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following:

A Petition for Extension of time for a period of one month and the requisite fee accompany this amendment. The period for response is, therefore, set to expire on September 20, 2004, the 19th having fallen on a Sunday.

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 8.

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